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March 4, 1980

Mr. Jeffrey H. James
Executive Director
The Center for the Arts, Inc.
Westerly, RI 02891

Dear Mr. James:

I recently received the enclosed letter from Chair-
mandBiddle at the National Endowment for the Arts.

I thought you would be interested in having his
comments about your challenge grant application.

Everything appears to be in order. A decision
by the National Council on the Arts is expected in Au-
gust.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

Enclosure

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FOR
THE ARTS

WASHINGTON
D.C. 20506



A Federal agency advised by the
National Council on the Arts

February 25, 1980

Honorable Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education, Arts,
and Humanities
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your eloquent letter of February 12, 1980 on behalf of the Center for the Arts in Westerly, Rhode Island, which has made application to the National Endowment for the Arts for a Challenge Grant.

We are delighted to know of your support for the Center for the Arts, and I am pleased to have your letter on their behalf. Following careful review by the appropriate Advisory Panel, the Center's proposal will be considered by the National Council on the Arts at their meeting in August. Because the Challenge Grants will be funded from the Endowment's Fiscal Year 1981 appropriation, we do not anticipate being able to release the results of the Council meeting until some time in the fall. The Center for the Arts will be notified as soon as possible following the Council meeting of the decision reached on their proposal, and we will be pleased to notify your office, as well.

Thank you for contacting the National Endowment for the Arts. We appreciate your interest in our programs, and I assure you that the Center's application is receiving our best attention.

Sincerely,

Livingston L. Biddle, Jr.
Chairman